

**Beaver County
Planning & Zoning Commission
January 17, 2012
7:30 p.m.**

Unapproved Minutes

Attendance: Scott Bealer Chairman; Jack McMullin, Dennis Miller, Rowland Yardley, Darrell Davis, Commissioner Billie Dalton, Scott Albrecht, Kyle Blackner, County Attorney Von Christiansen, and Craig Davis as Zoning Administrator

Visitors: Julia M. Moore, Mark Cox, Mike Doyle, Lani Eggenston-Goff, Margaret Oler, Rich Woodworth, Deby Rodbert, Reza Kia, Anthony Bealer, Seth Davie, & Tammy Pearson

Called to Order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes from the July 19, 2011 meeting were read. Dennis Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, Rowland Yardley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Mark Cox from Rocky Mountain Power and Mike Doyle from EPG (Environmental Planning Group) were present to discuss the Sigurd to Red Butte new single-circuit 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. Items discussed included growth in the area, lines needing to be upgraded, concerns with Milford Wind project, where the actual route is (see attached map & description), BLM permitting, and the project needing to be done by June 2015.

Upon review of the CUP application, board member Dennis Miller voiced concerns regarding the designated route, which will create a new transmission line along a portion of the hillside on the Western edge of the Mineral Mountains. Mr. Miller indicated that the indicated route is unnecessary, because under an alternative proposal previously suggested by Beaver County to the Applicant could instead be constructed along an existing power corridor, causing less disruption. He expressed further concern that the existing plan will be unnecessarily problematic to plant and animal life, and will create an eye-sore along an otherwise scenic portion of the Mineral Mountains.

Jack McMullin then questioned Mike Doyle about the reasons behind the selection of the proposed corridor, rather than the site indicated by Mr. Miller. Mr. Doyle responded that the selection of the chosen route was a “compromise” location, selected to facilitate potential development of a possible future wind farm by another company. He also indicated that it is the site that in his opinion is least likely to be challenged by opponents of the project in court.

Mr. Doyle then asked the Board whether any conditions could be imposed to mitigate the detrimental effects. It was the consensus of the board that the reasonably anticipated detrimental effects of the chosen route could not be substantially mitigated, and the selection of a new route by the applicant would be necessary—preferably the route proposed by Beaver County.

Dennis Miller made a motion to recommend that the County Commission deny the Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Beaver County Zoning Ordinance §§ 10.08.080(1)(g) and (i), because the designated route will create harmful effects upon desirable area characteristics, and the proposed route will have a significant harmful effect upon environmental quality and natural resources. Rowland Yardley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Steve Kinross and Dustin Wiseman's terms are up, we will send them a letter and see if they would like to stay on the board or if we need to advertise their positions.

Craig Davis will write a letter to Rocky Mountain Power about the Ft. Cameron to Milford line.

Darrell Davis made a motion to adjourn, Dennis Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was concluded at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes approved on _____.

Scott Bealer, Chairman